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Mr. Walter E. Huber
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National Capital Region
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Dear Mr. Huber:

This letter is in regard to the concerns expressed in your 20 June 1980 letter to me about possible lack of security escorts for Contract GS-Q3B-88299 at our McLean, Virginia Headquarters Building. Please be sure that I share your concerns and appreciate your need to communicate them to me. Also be aware that I am doing everything possible to preclude this problem from affecting the ongoing and planned activities at that location. The Director of Logistics is in contact with the Director of Security and through him with the Director of Personnel about this specific requirement. As we do not anticipate that a need for claims will occur, we are not in a position to cite a funding appropriation specifically available for that purpose.

Your letter to me establishes formal notice that the responsibility for either proper escort capability or liability for reasonable claim which might result rests with this Agency. This position is reasonable so long as GSA can, for its part, assure that any claim by a contractor will be substantiated by appropriate records and that the Agency will be immediately apprised of any such intention to file claims on a day-by-day basis when or if the problem should in fact occur. This position is specifically intended to avoid being surprised by a claim long after the fact when no opportunity would exist to rectify or even verify the existence of a problem.

With the above understanding we look forward to working with you on this most important project.

Sincerely,

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Chief, Real Estate and
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